

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of June 24, 2008**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Libby Hambleton, Trustees Samantha Baraw, Thomas McCarney, Richard Sutor, and James Wilson. Also present was Village Manager Nanci Allard.

Chair Hambleton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled)**

- a. **Patricia Coppelino, Northfield Conservation Commission: Village Forest update:** Ms. Coppelino handed out some informational booklets. She provided an update of what the group is doing. They are mapping the trails with GPS and noting all the sensitive areas. Ms. Coppelino is looking to see if the Board is pleased with the direction the group is going or would like to see another direction. The Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to allot a percentage, to be determined later, of the profit from logging to the Northfield Conservation Commission to put back into maintenance of the trails on the Village Forest. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

III. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Approval of Minutes**
1. **June 10, 2008 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **Approval of Bills**
1. **Warrant #26-08:** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to approve Warrant #26-08 in the amount of \$45,453.33. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- c. **Ordinance 2008-1 (Parking Restrictions on Union Street and Water Street):** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to adopt Ordinance 2008-1. **Motion passed 5-0-0.** The question was raised by Trustee McCarney that all streets that are not painted are parallel parking; what is our intention on Water Street? The Board felt that at this time, we will leave this alone for now.
- d. **Executive Summary: Vermont AOT Annual Village Highway Plan.** Motion by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Sutor, to accept the Executive Summary and sign the Annual Village Highway Plan. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- e. **Request by DeWitt-Clinton Masonic Lodge to use Village Common.** Manager Allard ran this item by Superintendent of Public Works William Lyon and he had no concerns. The Masonic Lodge would be responsible to take care of trash, barricades, and notices on Trans-Video. Trustee Sutor is concerned with how this will affect the local businesses. Trustee McCarney would like to authorize the closure of the south side of the Common and would allow folks to go around the north side, onto Wall Street or up Central Street. This would give folks a place to park but would not limit the access completely. If this is not agreeable to the Masons, someone needs to come forth and have a discussion with the Board with how the businesses that will be open feel about this proposal. Motion by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Sutor, to authorize the Masons to block off the south side of the Common, with the conditions as listed above, provided someone attends the next meeting to give an update of how the businesses feel. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IV. REPORTS

a. Village Manager

1. **Scheduled Power Outage.** A scheduled system-wide power outage will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
2. **Safe Routes 2 School.** We are still waiting for the money.
3. **Park and Ride Site.** There is a discussion with the Selectboard for a Park and Ride Site in Northfield. Trustee McCarney suggested the area along the railroad property from Wall Street towards the Fernandez buildings.
4. **Ludlow Biomass Plant.** At the next meeting, Scott Corse (VPPSA) will be here to discuss the project.
5. **Tuckaway Lane.** The paperwork has not yet been received. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
6. **Inter-Company Charges.** Manager Allard is requesting joint meetings for the last meetings of the month for July, August, September, and October in order to discuss this.
7. **Denis, Ricker & Brown.** Denis, Ricker & Brown soon will be closing their Northfield office. They have donated office partition panels to the Municipality and we are hoping that this will help with some of the noise problems in the Accounting Department.

b. Committee Reports

1. **Northfield Energy Action Team (NEAT).** NEAT held a meeting last Thursday. There was a discussion of potential solar projects

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled): None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.